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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- Group I, claim(s) 2 drawn to synthesizing based on a single script corresponding to determined attributes.
- Group II, claim(s) 3, drawn to synthesizing based on a single script corresponding to an obtained time.
- Group III, claim(s) 4, drawn to synthesizing based on a single script corresponding to an obtained current position.
- Group IV, claim(s) 5 and 6, drawn to synthesizing based on multiple synthesizing scripts.
- Group V, claim(s) 9 and 24-26, drawn to synthesizing based on a single script corresponding to a key frame defining a frame of animation data.
- Group VI, claim(s) 10, drawn to synthesizing based on a single script corresponding to a prescribed portion of said content data that should be deleted.
- Group VII, claim(s) 11, 12, 14, 16 and 18, drawn to obtaining a single script location and synthesizing based on said obtained synthesizing script.

- Group VIII, claim(s) 19-23, drawn to a data structure storing a single synthesizing script.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I-VIII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features. It is noted that each of the above bulleted points is considered to read on a respective special technical feature and that said features lack the same or corresponding special technical features. It is further noted that unity of invention is considered only in relation to the independent claims and not the dependent claims (MPEP § 1850).

3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PETER-ANTHONY PAPPAS whose telephone number is (571) 272-7646. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ulka Chauhan can be reached on 571-272-7761. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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